ing of foreign exchange and carrying on other financial irregularities; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The Directorate of Enforcement (FERA) searched the office premises of M/s. Al. Shaya Nasser Travels, Bombay and seized Indian Currency of Rs. 14,300 foreign exchange worth U.S. $ 26,500 in the form of Traveller Cheques and cash and bank draft for Saudi Riyals 4,100, besides incriminating documents. To pursue the investigations further, the Directorate of Enforcement inspected the office of Bank of Credit and Commercial International, Bombay under section 43(1) of the F.E.R. Act. 1973 on 21-7-86 and seized certain alleged fake documents *viz.* FTS application form, A-2 form etc. under section 38 of F.E.R. Act, 1973. In this connection, 5 banks officials were arrested by the Directorate of Enforcement and were subsequently released. Investigation by the Directorate of Enforcement are in progress. It would not be expedient in the interest of effective investigations to disclose further details at this stage.

Appropriate action under the law, as warranted by results of investigation, will be taken.

Modernisation of NTC

*311. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that meagre funds have been allocated to the National Textile Corporation for modernisation; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of modernisation of the NTC mills and the funds allocated by Government for the purpose during the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The NTC had prepared a plan with an outlay of Rs. 302 crores for modernisation of nationalised units during the Seventh Plan period. In view of limited financial resources, it has not been possible to provide for the entire requirements of NTC. Provision has been made for an outlay of Rs. 117 crores for modernisation and rationalisation of labour schemes of NTC during the Seventh Plan period. Government have allocated a sum of Rs. 25 crores for the year 1986-87 for implementation of modernisation and rationalisation of labour schemes of NTC.

New wage policy for industrial workers

*314. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to formulate a new wage policy for industrial workers; and

(b) if so, whether productivity and other relevant factors will be kept in view while giving wage increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No such proposal has been framed.

(b) Does not arise.

Violation of FERA by hotels in Goa

*315. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been recent instances of viola-

tion of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) provisions by a number of hotels in Goa;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken against the erring hotel managements?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The Directorate of Enforcement (FERA) has issued directives under section 33(2) of F.E.R. Act, 1973 to call certain informations from some of the Hotels in Goa. It cannot be said that these hotels have violated the provisions of F.E.R. Act till the investigations are completed.

(c) Appropriate action under the law, as warranted by result of investigations will be taken.

Export of foodgrains

*316. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of various types of foodgrains exported during the last three years alongwith the rates thereof and foreign exchange earning therefrom;

(b) whether procurement cost plus administrative and handling expenses exceeded the F.O.B. rate; and

(c) what is the quantity of various types of foodgrains imported during the last three years alongwith the rates and the foreign exchange spent on it?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) The quantity of value of export of foodgrains, as per provisional data compiled during the last three years were as under:—

Year	Quantity (lakh tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
1983-84 . . .	1·70	102·39
1984-85 . . .	2·76	170·53
1985-86 . . .	5·74	231·73

(b) The sale price realised in commercial sales is governed by international market trends; and in the case of wheat exports has been lower than the internal economic costs of Food Corporation of India (FCI).

(c) During 1983-84, FCI contracted for import of 21.3 lakh tonnes of wheat for which foreign exchange worth $332.81 million was sanctioned. During 1984-85, foreign exchange amounting to $151.50 million was sanctioned to FCI for import of 7.2 lakh tonnes of rice. The shipments for these imports were completed by August 1984. Thereafter there were no imports.

Development of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

*317. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian overseas groups in Dubai have submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister on the development of Andaman & Nicobar Islands; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (b) No specific proposals have been received with regard to tourism projects for Andaman & Nicobar Islands